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LE DUC THO DEPARTS PEKING FOR HOME

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(TEXT) PEKING, AUGUST 2 (HSINHUA) -- COMRADE LE DUC THO, MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE VIETNAM WORKERS PARTY AND SPECIAL ADVISER TO MINISTER XUAN THUY, HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT DELEGATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ATTENDING THE PARIS CONFERENCE ON THE VIETNAM QUESTION, LEFT HERE FOR HOME BY SPECIAL PLANE TODAY.

COMRADE LE DUC THO AND THE OTHER VIETNAMESE COMRADES-IN-ARMS WERE SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY LI HSIEN-NIEN, MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA AND VICE-PREMIER OF THE STATE COUNCIL; KENG PIAO, MEMBER OF THE C.P.C. CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL LIAISON DEPARTMENT OF THE C.P.C. CENTRAL COMMITTEE; LI CHIANG, MEMBER OF THE C.P.C. CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE; FANG I, ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE C.P.C. CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND MINISTER OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES; HAN NIEN-LUNG, VICE-FOREIGN MINISTER; AND LU WEI-CHAO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN AFFAIRS, AND HAN HSU, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

ALSO PRESENT WERE NGUYEN TIEN, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE D.R.V.N. EMBASSY IN PEKING, AND TRAN BINH, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET NAM IN PEKING, AS WELL AS DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS FROM THE TWO EMBASSIES.

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